GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
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Target Olympic Podium Scheme
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which the Target Olympic Podium (TOP) Scheme has been successful in achieving its objectives with regard to recently concluded Olympic Games 2016;
(b) the details of funds allocated and utilized for different sports categories under TOP Scheme for Olympic Games 2016;
(c) whether the Government proposes to restructure TOP Scheme for better utilization of resources to achieve the desired results and if so, the details thereof;
(d) whether the Government proposes to enhance the financial assistance and improve the training of sportspersons for the upcoming sporting events and if so, the details thereof; and
(e) the total number of delegates and sportspersons from the country who attended the Olympic Games 2016?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

(a) & (b): The Target Olympic Podium (TOP) Scheme had given focused attention to the athletes with medal potential for their preparation for Rio Olympics 2016. This helped the athletes to concentrate on their training. The TOP Scheme had given a new thrust and direction in getting our athletes better prepared through financial and other support. Also, India could send its largest ever contingent to Olympics. Details of fund released from the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) to the athletes, selected under TOP Scheme for Rio Olympics 2016, are given at Annexure.
(c) & (d): TOP Scheme has been reviewed by the Department in consultation with sportspersons and it has been decided to enhance performance monitoring and emphasize on greater role of coaches in formation and implementation of training programmes. Any enhancement in financial assistance depends on requirement.
(e): The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports issued sanction for 124 athletes (including 4 P-Category sportspersons) and 85 support persons for participation in Rio Olympics 2016 at cost to Government basis.
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